

off of Select File and if we don't get on to the final priority bill list, you are not even going to get your priority bills covered. So, unless there is serious objection, I would propose that after we finish the morning's business that the rest of the day be concerned with priority bills. Now this will mean attendance, this will mean that you might of expected the consent file but it would appear to me that the most important thing that we can do after we get the appropriation bills off, and one or two other motions is to go to priority bills.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator Marvel, I have two concerns in this regard. Moving preferred bills into Select File behind what is already Select File certainly is not going to accomplish the end move of getting them across Final Reading. We still are going to have to deal with Select File as it exists. But, secondly and I think more importantly, the continual rush that we are in with twelve minute committee hearings and now half hour consideration of bills that each of us consider to be extremely important and in most cases I think probably controversial, to now limit this Legislature after a limited hearing to a limited discussion to me is I think rather unfortunate. There will be bills there that certainly will fly rather rapidly but there are bills there that will be amended repeatedly or certainly with several amendments, well meaning, not intended to delay but nevertheless amendments. To say that we will allow a half an hour for a bill that requires no amendment, but will require a half an hour for a bill that may have three or four amendments each taking ten or fifteen minutes, I think would be grossly unfair. I would ask that your priority.... make an allowance for amendments, if we are going to deliberately and duly consider this legislation. Then I think that the time has to be extended on a per amendment basis or certainly we are going to cram, cram, cram into a half an hour an impossibility in some instances.

SENATOR MARVEL: If I may respond, Senator Murphy, I have tried to follow the best I can the Speaker's orders up to the moment. The procedure for priority bills has been here for some time and I really don't see with these particular rules, unless you are going to completely change the rules for priority bills, how you are going to solve that problem.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well I guess I just feel that actually it is not a solution, Senator Marvel. We are going to have to deal with the bills that are now on Select File before we can deal with our own. I do concur in your concept that we go to priority bills rather than to consent calendar at this point. But, I do seriously question if we are going to dispose of any more bills whether we now take these and leave them on Select. In fact we may very well dispose of fewer bills if we don't get rid of what is ahead of us in Select File now. My principal concern, Senator, is that a limitation of a half hour for all bills, just a carte blanche 30 minute procedure could be very harmful.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner asks unanimous consent to expedite LB's 812, 924 and 937.